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REMARKS

Pursuant to a telephone interview conducted with Examiner Ortiz Rodriguez on September 16, 2004, Applicants submit herewith proposed amended claim 34 for the Examiner's consideration.

Claim 34 has been amended in the manner suggested by the Examiner except that step (c) specifies that the reference values are provided to form a path determined theoretically or experimentally as set forth in claims 9 and 10, for example. Also, new claims 35-37 are identical to canceled claims 5, 16 and 17, respectively.

Applicants have reviewed the dependent claims to ensure that there is antecedent basis in claim 34 for the terminology used in the dependent claims.

The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (703) 838-6683 if there are any questions on any of the above.

Respectfully submitted,

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